# SERMONS AND SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

The Reverend W. J. Williamson on the Plan of Salvation-"Christ and His Vineyard," by the Reverend Doctor J. W. Davis-The Reverend M. A. Matthews of Jackson, Tenn., on Modern Lib eralism-"David's Schooling in Social Science," by the Reverend D. Dorchester, Jr .- "God in Our Life Mission" by the Reverend T. C. Carleton - Doctor Sale on the Single Tax-The Reverend Doctor R. D. Smart on "Duty."

The Reverend Doctor M. A. Matthews of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tenn., severely arraighed modern liberalism in his sermon vesterday, declaring that loose theories had caused many supposed Christians to wander into sinful practices, The Reverend Doctor J. W. Davis of Soo Chow, China, press fied at the Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church yesterday on the power which true Christianity confers upon its believers, his subject being "Christ and His Vineyard."

The duties which society as a whole owes to the poor were the theme of a sermon celivered last night at Lindell Avenue Methodist Church by the Reverend D. Dorches

"God in Our Life Mission" was the theme of the sermon delivered yesterday ment ing by the Reverend T. C. Carleton at Latayette Park Paptist Church. He said that true faith in God would remove every obstacle in the way of the highest good for the

The Reverend Doctor Samuel Sale discoursed vesterday at Shaare Emeth mon to cial problems and favored the single tax as a possible remedy. The Reverend W. J. Williamson, at Delmar Avenue Baptist Church last night, preached about the plan of salvation, which, he said, was simple enough for every

body to understand. The Reverend Doctor R. D. Smart preached the doctorate sermon to the gradnating class of Barnes Medical College at Cook Avenue M. D. Church, South, last

SHARP CRITICISM

#### OF THE LIBERALS.

night, his subject being "Puty."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jackson, Tenn., April 8.-The Reverend M. A. Matthews of the First Presbyterian Church denounced modern liberalism this morning in severe terms, calling for the strict faith and practice of the old days. He

morning in severe terms, calling for the strict faith and practice of the old days. He read three texts.

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"It is evident that there is a proper and an improper way to prine. A reckless use of the knife is criminal, Cut off all the useless sprigs, 'sprouts,' suckers,' parasites and dead limbs, Cut off all that draws from the life, and that devitalizes the Christian less sprike. Sprouts. Suckers, parasites, and dead limbs. Out off all that draws from the life, and that devitalizes the Christian and the church. You can hardly see the true, the individual Christian and the Christ-church for the millions of parasite, growths that have covered the mann body. Behold the sprigs supping the life of the church—asylums, schools, hospitals, farms-lodgings, soup counters, fairs, taffing shops dancing halis, clubs, church kitchens, suggodly choirs, societies, auxiliaries, book and paper trusts, and ten thousand other spreading branches that are taking the life, time and thought of the church, while milions of souls are dying and going to hell. There was a time when the first and only thought of the individual Christian, and of the church, was the salvation of the souls is secondary. In fact, it is the last thing accomplished by the church Let the divine pruning knife be used. The solvation of souls are completed by ling sinners to him, that he may save them with an everlasting salvation. The church is to live and teach Christ, to there bould be, first and last, the salvation of souls.

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should be, into sour churches have wandered from first principles. The Methodist Church is a ponderous ecclesiastical drop-anchel-in-the-slot machine. The Presty-terian Church is a beaver hat historical society. The Baptist Church is an individual plumbing shop. The Episcopal Church is a ritualistic club of would-do, do-not, would-not, I-do people, with a 'spring opening' attachment. Denominational interests have the first thought and labor of each clurch. Money, money, more money is the cry every Sunday. The pulpit is being filled and the church talked to death by agents and clerical tramps of all kinds, descriptions and creeds. There are more frauds, cranks and parasitic agents sapping the church now than ever before in the history of the world. A universal prayer should be offered for a free, speedy, powerful and proper use of the pruning knife, by which the church might be relieved of these warts and fungus growths. The spirit of liberatism, Unitariamism, Campbellitism and Mormonism has swept over the churches, and they have become only ethical societies, with but little stress upon the ethical. Unimonism has swept over the churches, and they have become only ethical societies, with but little stress upon the ethical. Uni-tarianism is sintuiness organized, and sin-fulness organized is Unitarianism. Camp-bellitism denies the personality of the Holy Ghost and, therefore, is Twintarianism. Mormonism and Christian Science go hand in hand and mean gilded spiritual licen-

DUTY THAT SOCIETY

OWES TO THE POOR.

"David's Schooling in Social Science " w

the theme of the sermon preached in Lin-dell Avenue Methodist Church last night, by

the Reverend D. Dorchester, Jr., pastor, He

took for his text I Samuel xxii, I and 2.
David therefore departed thence and came to the cave of Adultam; and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him."

And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one

that was discontented gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them; and there were with him about four hundred men.

Doctor Dorchester spoke, in part, as fol-

"It was among the lowest of those whom

When the individual Christian is prop-"When the individual Christian is pronerly pruned, he will begin to bear fruit.
When the church is relieved of every useless sprig and spreading branch, she will
bring forth dally a pentecostal harvest. The
first ripe fruit will be a pure and a gospelpreaching pulpit. The crowd of plagtaristic
literati, now tickling the fancy of the transient pew, will give place to the man of
God, preaching sin and salvation. The
Babbath of license and reverie will give
way to the Sunday of God, the day of holy
worship and sacred rest for all men."

#### ALL HAVE THE POWER TO EARN SALVATION.

#### DOCTOR SALE FAVORS SINGLE-TAX !DEA.

Reverend Ductor Samuel Sale Y Share Emeth yesterday morning delivered a discourse on socialism. He treated the subject in a general way, showing the last of present systems and outlining means which might work for the genera good of humanity. The speaker showed levided leaning towards the principles of their moorings and driven upon the shore.

Boxes and bales were scattered upon the beach, the salitors were washed from their vessels and drowned. One boat had fifty-four men on board, and if was dashed to pieces upon a rock, and fifty-one of the crew perished in the maist of that tempest only one vessel was able to move out with safety. It was the callings Every nan was at his post, every owner of power was brought into action. Slowly lan surely the saliant steamer swung around until she passed the narrow channel and reached the mighty deep. The secret of her power lay just as a theoretical government would the society it was intended to relieve were not mentally and ingerally prepared for it. Just as a theoretical government would prove a dismal failure and curve to a peo-ple to whose wants and conditions it was not adapted.

PEORIA PASTOR DEFENDS DOCTOR DWIGHT HILLIS.

Peoria, Ill., April 8.—The Reverend Frank G. Smith, the eloquent young pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of this city, in his sermon to-night, preaching on "The Conflict Between Truth and Aror," and taking as his text "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good," declared himself as standing on the advanced lin-of thought taken by Doctor Newton Dwigh of thought taken by Doctor Newton Dwight Hillis. He most vehemently attacked the old creed of predestination and the creel teaching the hatred and wrath of a God, who ordains his children to eternal death "to the praise of his own glorieus justice." "What a horrible picture this is of God, indeed!" said he "It certainly does not even in shadow represent the God who was revealed in Christ, the son, who wept with us and bore our sins. And yet we have before us to-day the said spectacle of a great church trying to cling to this dry crost of a mouldy past, and this same church in disciplinary conflict with one of the bright-st minds of our day, one of the most deeply consecrated of men, because in the burning and anguish of his heart he dared to say that it were a lees sin to cutse the eternal than to teach such bloody and "It was among the lowest of those whom he would afterward have to govern that David learned the secret of true kingship, it was under the imperative necessity of bringing his motley followers under a loving discipline and government that he felt a real reverence for law and order. Danger is an excellent schoolmaster to discipline soul and body into a military attitude. In the majestic solitude of nature, surrounded by a thousand perils, David impressed upon his followers the worth of an authority which no tyrant had created, no anarchy could set aside. the eternal than to teach such bloody and

the eternal than to trace such bloody and cruel things of God."

The Reverend Mr. Smith declared that if the Chicago Presbytery accepts the resig-nation of Dector Hillis because of his pre-ent theological views, the will take a ste-backward and write a page in her history which must some day be blotted out with

which most some day be noticed out with shame.

He concluded by showing that to-day the Presbyterian Church has a great opportunity to lay aside an old, time-worn creed for a new one in keeping with advanced thought of man, and the opportunity to gather around "this spiendid loving prophet of a larger assert and a larger to be."

pressed upon his followers the worth of an authority which no tyrant had created, no anarchy could set aside.

"There is nothing that a ruler needs more to know than the hearts of his subjects, their burdens, their sorrows and their wrongs. He needs to become acquainted with these not as they are reported by some official, who transmits what has come to him through many subordinates, but the true statesman, like our own martyred President, Lincoln, should come close to the hearts of the people he governs. A man who has never faced the misery of the world, who does not see the injustice of any of our present laws and feels no consequent sympathy for the victims of such injustice, a man who has no appreciation of the motives that lead discontented persons to quarred with the present constitution of society is not fit for any position of public responsibility.

"Every party in power, every civilization should know what the 'submerged tenth' are thinking and wishing—their grievances, even their mistaken theories and motives. Socialism, despite its economic blunders and impossible schemes, has a true instinct; it has a truth in its very name; it comes from a word meaning companionship; and it is perfectly obvious to every thinker that society cannot prosper without the exercise of companionship through all classes.

"Civilization is more than the mastery of

must be a flow of symbothy from those who have calture and wealth, as well as a blind groping from beneath movard on the part of the toiling distressed masses. If this blood stops anywhere in its circul, in any member, it will mentify. Those members from whom sympothy oughly to dow but does not will become discussed just as truly as those who are starting for it.

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"The rocking stams' not only grow like charters from a palace wall' but risw concers from a palace wall' but risw concers in the hearts of those who are starting for it. The stam is not said and hearty it is a mental and moral deficiency it is a hovel, bare not so much of furniture as of aspiration and rourage and opportunity. Those who exist in the almost connect to strive better that the instance of the furniture as of aspiration and rourage and opportunity. Those who exist in the almost connect to strive better than the instance of the furniture as of aspiration and rourage and opportunity. Those who exist in the almost connect to strive better only after hasternal conflect, but for the carried he personal connects in the investment of many and sparif.

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#### PLAN OF SALVATION SIMPLE, AFTER ALL.

hast eventur, the Reverend W. J. William-son took for his text Mutthew vii. E-14. I do not talink that in speaking to a pec-I do not think that in speaking to a people who have the gostel preached to them remilarly, and who are well acquainted with its message, it is essential to speak much time in outlining the plat of salvation, it offer a semisation, it offer a semisation, it offer a semisation the more we talk about this plan the more we cloud it. It is the simplest and plainest way in the world, and we cannot make it planner by our explanations; plain trust and acceptance of those limits all there is to it, one class of sermons is adapted to all classes of people in the world. There is no special cospel for the roung person, and another for the other person; there are no special swepchs for the different classes of society, there is not great message for At the Church of the Ascessian, Cats
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#### ings will be continued during the comma-week, Mr. Williamson speaking each after noon at 3.34 and each evening at 7.15. DOCTORATE SERMON TO GRADUATES IN MEDICINE.

The ninth annual doctorate sermon to the

graduating class of Barnes, Medical Col-lege was delivered has night at Cook Ave-nue Methodist Church by the pastor, the Reverend R. D. Smart, D. D. The central section of the auditarium was reserved for the graduates, who attended in a body, and hesides the sermon there was an elaborate "There is nothing that a ruler needs more of a sermon delivered Sudys morning at a sermon delivered Sudys morning at the form of a sermon delivered Sudys morning at the form of the service of the servi Doctor Smart chose as his text part of the

are directed toward worthy ends. Excellence performs to individual empacity. The standard is not the accomplishing of any given task, but in the constant effort at smething better as well. Whoever puts forth all his strength in a right direction is he who descrive the peaker. It is be, nowever bumble be may be who achieves excellence. "It is a furnificating fact that those who have had the greatest advantages have not made the most of them have not fived up to their possibilities. Without high asplications no man will live up to his pessibilities. Methad Angelo once said, I work harder for the sake of my art than any poor man in the land does for his hybrid. Excellence is not to be measured by any rule of bushess, and is never easily a chieved.

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"It has always been the hight of men when advising those younger than them selves to eite any store as examples of what men should be and do. There is a neutral tendency to book into the past as if it had contained an ito golden possibilities. But this is a mistake. The field is just as finited and invilling as it ever was There is he end to the work that is to be don. Does my of you know any like of theoght or field of emissive which has been exampled. Solomon and more than The lead is as which as the universe, but in order to surveel you must labor in the same spirit which has characterized all who have ever succeeded. Ambition is neither a virtue nor a yee. Like the sword, it takes the nature of the hand that wields it. I bid you, gentlemen, beware of an unboly ambition.

This is eventrally

ness of hericated duty. And it is well to remember that there are various kinds of duty. The little things of life must be watched with as great care as the greater. In fact, I do not keep that there is such a thing as a small duty. Remember that the text refers to daily duties, the affairs of every-day life—the things which are commonplace and unintersting. These every-day duties, the little things of life, must be looked after with the utmost care if you wish to go before the world and about your calling with clean hands and clean hearts. You are now to go out and take up the serious work of life You will be thrown in daily contact with men and women in the most sucred relations of their lives. You will be called beside the sickhed to minister to the suffering; you will be called will be called beside the sickhed to min-ister to the suffering; you will be called into the presence of death. There will be many of the little things which you will have to watch with scrupplons care. Each of them is as much a duty as the most im-portant affairs of life. Remember the daily

duties.

"Now, gentlemen, in cancinston, I want to recall to your attention a certain war in the history of England, a war in which untild quantities of blood were spilled over seeming little things. It was called the War of Roses, and had its origin in a feed between the house of Lancaster and the house of York. The partisans of the Lancasters wore, as hadges of their idlegione, ted roses in their buttonholes. The friends of the house of York were white roses. In the course of time these two colors became recognized standards of the warring factions, and when men of opposite colors met in private, or on the opposite colors met in private, or on the field of buttle, they fought to the death. "I would enlist you all under the combined banner of red and white, against all that is wrong, and for all that is right. I would enlist you under the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley; the blood which cleanses from all sin, and the spottess white of the blood-cleansed soul. I would enlist you all under the banner of the great physician.

"May duty be your polar star from this

#### PRESIDENT M'KINLEY AND THE RUM KING.

day forward. Amen.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, April 8 - President McKinley. against whom Methodist preachers, among thers, have a special grievance because of his nullification of the anti-centeen law. was the subject of severe criticism in an ence of the Methodist Episcopal Church a Paterson, N. J., to-night by the Reverend Charles A. Crane of Boston, The title of the address was "The American King" meaning rum. Among other things, Doctor trane said: "We are the slaves of a horde of petty

tyrants who rule with a rod of iron our cities, nation, politics and our church. Rum is the king who directs these tyrants and is the king who directs these tyrants and rain and rebellion his business.

"When we seek to limit the sway of the king and probibit him from entering out national army, he boastingly publishes how he will mallify that law, and Attorney General Griggs and Brother McKinley set to work and prove that he knows how to proplesy correctly.

"Only a small portion of our men left our shortes yet over 500 of them nied of dissipate the propless yet over 500 of them nied of dissipate the propless yet over 500 of them nied of dissipate the propless yet over 500 of them nied of dissipate the propless yet over 500 of them nied of dissipate the propless yet over 500 of them nied of dissipate the propless of shores, yet over 5,000 of them died of dis-ease not Spanish bullets-during the late war. Say all you may of embalmed beef unsanitary arrangements and poor food,

unsanitary arrangements and poor food, I am clearly of the opinion that the deadly drink sold in the Government salosa distincte to bring on the diseases that killed so many of our soldiers than exposure and climate combined.

The story of our soldier dead is sad. The story of the soldier left alive is little better, if at all. From 2 village of my native State—Illinois seventeen young men went to the Spanish War. One returned a corpse, sixteen returned confirmed drunkards. The canteen which works such wreek and this was abolished by Congress. That religious act is nullified by the President, Conferences, synods, assemblies and Bishops have ynods, assemblies and Bishops hav appealed to the President to execute this righteous law, and all in vain."

#### PALM SUNDAY OBSERVED.

Special Services in Protestant and Catholic Churches.

Palm Sunday was fittingly observed in all of the St. Louis churches, both Catholic and Protestant, yesterday. The fine weather brought out a large attendance to both morning and afternoon services. The most impressive services were held in the Cath services were conducted in the churches of other denominations.

In the Catholic churches the distribution

In the Catholic clurches the distribution of paims to members of the congregation was the principal feature of the day. Special musked programmes were rendered. While the paims were being blessed the hymn, "Falms," was sung by the choir and it was also rendered at the offerfory. At the Episcopal churches the musical programme was of unusual merit. The ceremonies differed from those of the Catholic Church only in matters of detail. The programme at Christ Church Catholical was about what was observed in all of the Episcopal churches. It was as follows: Seven o'clock and 8 o'clock a. m., holy communion; II a. m., morning prayer and sermon, 3.39 p. m., preparation service; 7 p. m., meeting of candidates; 8 p. m., evening prayer and service. m, meeting of candidates; 8 p. m. evening prayer and service.

The observance of Palm Sunday is in commemoration of the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem and derives its name from the fact that the people, believing that he had come to reign over them as temporal king in their enthusiasm str-we-i his path with palms. It is the first day of Holy Week

Week.

In the Catholic churches no flowers are used in Lent, except on Holy Thursday, when the floral decoration are very elaborate. Palms form the decorations on Palm

#### EX-SOLDIER TOOK POISON.

Lincoln Suicide Served in Colonel Bryan's Regiment.

Lincoln, Neb., April 8.—C. L. Lemmon, a printer and member of Colonel W. J. Bryan's Third Nebraska Regiment during the war with Spain, committed suicide by taking poison some time between Friday evening, when he disappeared, and to-day, when his bedy was found on the State Fair Grounds, near the city. He is said to have been demondant over business reverses.

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This is essentially no age of progress. Others and appears are the watchwords of the day. Not simply onward, toward some sellish ond, but noward, toward the better thinks of life I will be well for each of you to stop and carefulls consider what done is sufficient to constitute a truly great man.

To be conspicuous is not to be great. As has been well said, the createst men are those whom the noisy world hears least about. The conscientions discharge of duty is greatness in itself. I men duty in its invoadest significance, sluty to God, duty to fellow-man, duty to soif. This I call duty, and the highest aim in life.

To neeral Lee said, in taking to one of his sons, 'Remember, my boy, the grandest world in the English language is duty,' When asked what was the most solemn thought that had ever onne into his mind. Mr. Webster said: The thought of my duty to my Maker.'

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#### CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000,000. Plate Glass Trust Formed to Control American Trade.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 8.-The American Pittsburg, Pa., April 8—The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg on Saturday, with a ensual of \$50,00000. This company is composed of well-known plate glass men who are idea-tified with the Pittsburg Plate Glass Com-pany and the Pennsylvania Plate Glass Company.

The new combine is looked upon as the best rains of a determined move on the

mart of the American Flass Charles and wrest the trade in this country for plate mirrors from foreign manufacturer. The Board of Directors of the new company is composed of E. S. Steinman, Chrimati; A. F. Mueller, Milwauker; F. W. Von, Lettisville; W. L. Kann, W. L. Clause, F. J. Klingler, Pittshurg.

### WORLD'S LARGEST GUN.

Belongs to America and Was Cast Yesterday, REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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Troy, N. Y., April 8.—There was cast at the Watervillet Arsenal yesterday the largest gun in the world. It is the new sixteeningh breech-londing rifle which is being built by the Government at a cost of \$290. set gun in the world. It is the new sixteeninch breech-londing rifle which is being built by the Government at a cost of \$20.000.

Thirty tons of hot steel were swung over the gun yesterday. The slightest inequality in the heating of this metal, which was used for the Jacket of the rifle, would have undone the work of months. Everything worked smoothly, however, and there is every assurance now that the gun will be completed without a slip of any kind.

When it is ready for mounting this rifle

will which seventy tons. It will throw a projectile weighing 2.370 pounds with a muzzle velocity of 2.690 feet a second. The total muzzle energy will be 88,000 feet tons. The theoretical range of the gun is twenty-one miles, to attain which the projectile will one miles, to attain which the projectic with an elevition of five miles. The projectic, it is computed, will penetrate wrought from to the depth of 44.6 inches. Every time this piece is fired it will cost the Government \$850 for ammunition.

#### REPUBLICANS CONFIDENT.

Democrats Assert They Can Beat Puerto Rican Bill.

Washington, April 8.—The action taken by the Democrats of the House in caucus lost night in putting an end to permanent pub-ing, will a was said to-stight, give the Democrats twenty more votes on pending

Democrats twenty more votes on pending measures.

The hemocrats can get that number of paired men to Washington by Wednesday, when the fuerto Klean bill will came up.

The whole struggle has resolved itself into a question as to which party can get the greatest number of absentees here before the vote of the bill is taken. Despite the confident assertiem of the Republicans to the contrary, the Democrats assert they the contrary, the Democrats assert they can beat the bill.

#### Judge Emil C. Moos.